Microwave Link Between India and IWyanmar

1474. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INF ORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new direct Telecommunication (Microwave) link between India and Myanmar has been inaugurated; and

(b) if so, by when the direct link is likely to be established, and its estimated cost and the other details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Internet Facilities in the Villages

†1475. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country having been provided with the facility of internet and the details thereof; and

(b) by when the upllnking of all the villages of the country with intemet is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD); (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Speed post service in District Headquarters

†1476. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to stat6:

(a) the names of district headquarters in various States of the countiy where speed post service is not available;

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(b) by when all such District Headquarters of these States are likely to be brought under this network; and

(c) the effective steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Details of the district headquarters in various States of the country where speed post service is not available, are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Speed Post is a premium product and is run on commercial considerations. Expansion of its network is an ongoing process depending on business and operational parameters.

Statement

State-wise list of Districts not connected by speed post

SI. No	Name of the State	Name of District Head Quarters not connected by Speed Post
1	Assam	Dhemaji
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Along, Pasighat, Bomdila, Tezu, Khonsa, Kingkiong, Seppa, Anini, Chanlang, Tawang, Zero, Daporijo, Yangte
3	Andhra Pradesh	Nil
4	Bihar	Nil
5	Chhattisgarh	Nil
6	Delhi	Nil
7	Gujarat	Nil
8	Goa	Nil
9	Haryana	Nil
10	Himachal Pradesh	Keylong
11	Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara, Kargil, Doda, Poonch
12	Jharkahand	Nil
13	Karnataka	Nil
14	Kerala	Nil
15	Maharashtra	Nil
16	Madhya Pradesh	Nil
17	Manipur	Senapati, Tamenglong

1	2	3
18	Meghalaya	Jowai, Winlliamnagar, Baghmara, Nongpoh, Nongstoin
19	Mizoram	Nil
20	Nagaland	Peren, Kiphrie, Longieng
21	Orissa	Nil
22	Punjab	Nil
23	Rajasthan	Nil
24	Sikkim	Mangan, Namchi & Geyzing
25	Tamil Nadu	Nil
26	Tripuaa	Kailasahar
27	Uttaranchal	Nil
28	Uttar Pradesh	Nil
29	West Bengal	Nil
30	A&N Island (UT)	Nil
31	Lakshadweep (UT)	Nil
32	Pondicherry (UT)	Nil
33	Chandigarh (UT)	Nil
34	Daman & Diu (UT)	Nil
35	Dadar & Nagar Haveli (UT)	Nil

Expansion **of telephone and mobile services** in **Bihar**

†1477. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated any action plan tbr expansion of telephone and mobile service in next three years' time period in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the nature of the said action plan and year-wise target thereof alongwith the method to be adopted to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Within the broad frame work under 10th Five Year Plan, plans for provision of telephone connections in Bihar Circle is done by BSNL on yearly basis.

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